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LETTER

The undersigned acknowledges the phone call received from Examiner Lamm and the Examiner is thanked for providing a copy of the Examiner's answer.

It is noted that Applicant's Brief was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 2003 (certificate of mailing) and was received December 10, 2003. The Examiner's Answer was mailed April 2, 2004.

Applicant's attorney moved her office in June, 2004, and filed a change of address form in the Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2004.

The Examiner's answer was filed before the move took place so that it is not correct that the change of address was not timely filed.

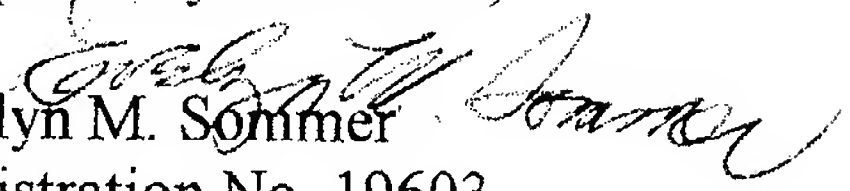
The Examiner's Reply Brief contains no "new ground for rejection" so that no further action on the part of the Applicant is in order.

It is desired to point out that Applicant's Brief at the top of page 2 thereof, under the heading "Related Appeals and Interferences" recites "There are no pending appeals and interferences involving any related cases."

It is also pointed out that at page 3 of Applicant's Brief under the heading "Grouping of Claims Under Rejection" that there appears the following: "Claims 1-10 and 13 are deemed to stand or fall together on the same arguments for patentability. Claims 17 and 18 are deemed to stand or fall together on the same arguments for patentability."

The decision of the Board of Appeals is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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